

Board of Education
Nutley, New Jersey

February 12, 1975

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley, New Jersey, was held in the Franklin School Auditorium, 325 Franklin Avenue, on Wednesday, February 12, 1975, at 8:00 p.m., with Mr. John E. Clayton, Jr., President, presiding.

FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was opened with Mr. Tangorra leading the Board members and citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL:

The other members present at roll call were: Mr. Theodore J. Berger, Mr. Albert E. Cameron, Jr., Mrs. Thomas E. Jaworek, Mr. Walter Lindstrom, Mr. James M. Piro, Mrs. Edward M. Popadick, Mr. Gerard T. Restaino, and Mr. Frank V. Tangorra. Approximately 21 citizens present.

MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 22, 1975, at 8:00 p.m., being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mr. Tangorra moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mrs. Popadick, and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented and read the following report:

"The New Jersey Supreme Court's resolution of the State Aid to Education problem came none too soon to avert either a real fiscal crisis for Nutley's taxpayers or a severe educational regression for their children. This is not to say that the solution is the best one, for many will deplore it as a backward step; however, in view of the Legislature's inaction in passing funding legislation, no other proposed solution would have been reasonable at this time.

"As it now stands, we are anticipating for the 1975-76 budget, \$133,860 less State Aid than we would have gotten under last November's incentive equalization aid formula, and \$44,097 less than we were instructed to anticipate last month. It's a good thing the price of electronic computers is coming down --- mine is fast wearing out.

"Six candidates are vigorously campaigning for election to the Board of Education next month. For the record, these are Albert E. Cameron, Jr., Peter A. Frazza, Carl Perez, Rosanne Policastro, Ann Rabinowitz and Louis F. Williams.

"The budget presentation is being shown to audiences large and small. It has so far been presented nine times, ten more presentations are scheduled, and more requests are still coming in. A full accounting will be included in next month's report.

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"At a recent presentation we were chided for what was assumed to be the high cost of having the budget booklets printed. The questioner was pleased when we explained to him that it was produced entirely within our own office with our own personnel. I think this is a real tribute to the quality of the work done by Mrs. Louise Simons, who coordinated the effort, and by Mrs. Wynn Darrow, and Mrs. Ruth Mohr, who cooperated in putting it all together.

"Glass replacement during the past month amounted to 19 windows and 7 doors. Some of the other items of maintenance included installation of a bulletin board in the Graphic Arts room and construction of two bookcases for the attendance office at the high school. Plumbing work at this school included resetting a toilet and repairing three flush valves, replacing one flush valve and piping, replacing a boiler blow-down valve, and installing a new air line from the auto shop to the electronics shop.

"At Yantacaw School three moveable bookcases were fabricated and installed, the old auditorium seats were removed, and the floor patched and refinished.

"Two men spent their full time and two part time during this past month in assembling and installing the new aluminum windows at Franklin School.

"At Radcliffe School a roof leak was repaired and three projection screens were installed.

"A coil was replaced in the univent in Room 201 of Lincoln School, and a new table was constructed for the mixer in the cafeteria.

"At Washington School, the auditorium door frame was insulated and trimmed, and the broken hand rail leading to the playground area was replaced. Plumbing repairs were made to a fountain in the kindergarten, a sink in the boiler room, and a toilet in the men teachers' room. Heating repairs consisted of repacking two low water cut-off valves on the boilers and a steam valve in room 302, and plugging leaking tubes in #2 boiler.

"Fire drills were held at the various schools during the month of January:

Jan. 16	Franklin School	2:35 p. m.	1 min. 57 secs.
Jan. 22	Yantacaw School	1:00 p. m.	1 min. 35 secs.
Jan. 24	Spring Garden School	10:47 a. m.	1 min. 30 secs.
Jan. 27	Lincoln School	10:50 a. m.	1 min. 21 secs.
Jan. 27	Franklin School	2:30 p. m.	1 min. 55 secs.
Jan. 28	Washington School	8:50 a. m.	1 min. 30 secs.
Jan. 30	Nutley High School	9:45 a. m.	2 min. 20 secs."

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented the financial report as of January 31, 1975, showing total funds available of \$8,189,441.19, contractual orders to date of \$7,322,090.07, leaving a balance of funds available of \$867,351.12.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Fowler presented and read the following report:

"During the 1974/75 Fall Semester, 112 students were enrolled in the Saturday Extension Reading Program. The median gain for these students was five months. This is consistent with previous years.

"Throughout Essex County salary negotiations with teachers' organizations and boards of education have been moving rather slowly. To date the only official settlement is in Belleville. The Belleville Board of Education and the teachers' organization are completing the end of a two year agreement. Here, in Nutley the negotiations teams representing the Board of Education and the Nutley Teachers' Association are continuing to meet in hopes of arriving at a settlement which will be agreeable to all concerned.

"February has been designated as Human Relations month in the Nutley Public Schools. Appropriate programs have been planned for each building.

"The following people are to be commended for their efforts in completing the visual budget presentation: Mr. Guy Tiene, Mrs. Wynn Darrow and Mr. Howard Stein.

"Recently, a committee composed of educators and Board of Education members has been activated to develop a Five Year Plan for the Nutley Public Schools. The completion of this plan should be most advantageous to the persons responsible for the future planning of the Nutley Public Schools.

"Students of Franklin School held their annual Physical Education demonstration on the evening of February 11th. The students were able to demonstrate some of the many skills learned in their Physical Education classes.

"We have recently been informed that the following Franklin School students were chosen to play in the Northern Regional Junior High School Band and Orchestra.

Orchestra:

Frank Capalbo has been selected to serve as concertmaster

Band:

Linda Fazzi
Jon Steel
Alan Giambattista
Philip Echo

"These young students are to be commended for this honor.

"Mrs. Lucy Gillies, Mrs. Maxine Hoffer, Mrs. Ellen Young and Mr. Max Kletter have been developing programs that will strengthen the weaknesses as shown in the state testing results. The programs have been turned over to teachers for classroom implementation.

"The resource center established at Franklin School to service handicapped students is producing excellent results. Several of the students involved in this program are now functioning in a regular classroom for a portion of the school day.

"Nutley High School has been selected as one of four schools to present material at the Rider College dramatics workshop. Mrs. Thomasina Hyland serves as the adviser to the drama club.

"Two Nutley High School junior students, Stephen Earl and Nancy Oyer, have been selected to attend the Fifteenth North Jersey Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison Campus, on June 5th through 7th. Mrs. Eleanor Wiggins, from the English Department, will accompany the students.

"We have been informed that the Nutley High School girls basketball team will perform in the state tournament. The first game will be played at Nutley High School on Monday evening, February 17, 1975, at 7:30 p. m. Their opponent will be Central High School of Newark.

"A summary progress report on some of the programs in our public schools has been prepared by your Superintendent of Schools. This report is available upon request.

"This is the last time two Board members will sit with this Board. I would personally like to thank Mr. Piro and Mr. Cameron on behalf of the students."

CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mr. Tangorra presented the cafeteria report as of January 31, 1975, showing a cash balance as of July 1, 1974 of \$836.38, total receipts of \$106,850.86, total disbursements of \$90,541.46, leaving a balance of \$17,145.78. Total "A" lunch - 18,498. Milk - 21,529. Free lunches - 1,531. Reduced price lunches - 430. Senior Citizen Lunches - 212. School days - 15

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Items Only): None

APPROVAL OF BILLS & MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

On motion made by Mr. Tangorra, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom, and unanimously approved by the Board, bills for goods received and services rendered for February 12, 1975 were approved and payments ratified. (See pages 224a & 224b)

On motion made by Mr. Tangorra, seconded by Mrs. Jaworek, and unanimously approved by the Board, bills for mandatory payments for February 12, 1975 were approved and payments ratified. (See page 224c)

REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Mr. Berger presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Piro, and unanimously approved by the Board: (See pages 224d & 224e)

RESIGNATION - Teacher:

Mrs. Popadick presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Tangorra, and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the resignation of Mrs. Nancy Szura, elementary teacher, be accepted, effective as of January 28, 1975.

RETIREMENTS - Teachers:

Mrs. Jaworek presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Popadick, and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the retirements of the following teachers be accepted, effective as of June 30, 1975:

Mr. Charles Luddy	high school business education
Mr. Henry Gutknecht	high school science

APPOINTMENTS - Additions to Substitute List - Teachers:

Mrs. Jaworek presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Piro, and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the teacher substitutes listed on the attached sheet be approved for the 1974-1975 school year.

APPOINTMENTS - Additions to Substitute List - Secretaries:

Mr. Piro presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Berger, and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following be approved as secretarial substitutes for the 1974-1975 school year:

Mrs. Leida DeMaio	Mrs. Barbara Maino
Mrs. Teresa Kelly	Mrs. Doris Stolp

CHANGE IN SECRETARIAL PERSONNEL:

Mr. Piro presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Tangorra, and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the hours of Janet M. Houston, secretary in the Business Office, be reduced from full time to 4 hours per day, and that her salary be reduced accordingly, effective March 1, 1975 (2-4) and \$3,689.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the hours of Jean Unglaub, secretary in the Business Office, be increased from 4 hours per day to full time, and that her salary be increased accordingly, effective March 1, 1975. (2-4) \$6,455.00

DATA PROCESSING SERVICE BIDS:

Mr. Cameron presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom, and unanimously approved by the Board:

WHEREAS, a sealed bid was received on Tuesday, January 21, 1975 at 2:00 p.m., for scheduling services at Nutley High School, in the total amount of \$2,921, and

WHEREAS, no other bids were received,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That a contract be awarded to Instructional Services, Inc., of Durham, N. H. to perform scheduling services for Nutley High School students for the 1975-1976 school year in accordance with the specifications and their bid thereon in the amount of \$2,921, with a unit price of \$1.20 per student for any above or below the estimated number.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

Mr. Restaino presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Jaworek, and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Secretary-Business Administrator is hereby authorized to transfer funds within the Current Expense account as follows:

<u>FROM</u>			<u>TO</u>	
<u>No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Account</u>
213	Teachers Salaries	\$3,500.	214	Salaries of Other Instr. Staff
		500.	720C	Repair of Equipment
		1,700.	730B	Replacement of Equip.
		8,000.	730C	Purchase of Equipment
		7,000.	870	Tuition
216	Other Salaries for Instr.	13,000.	215	Salaries for Sec. & Clerks
230A	Library Books	100.	230B	Periodicals & Newspaper
240	Teaching Supplies	1,600.	250A	Misc. Supplies for Instr.
610	Custodians Salaries	5,000.	650	Custodial Supplies
	Free Balances	6,000.	1030	Student Body Activities

ADVERTISED NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING:

Mr. Ramsland read the following legal notice which appeared in the January 30, 1975 issue of THE NUTLEY SUN:

"The Board of Education of Nutley, New Jersey will hold a public hearing on the tentative budget for the school year 1975-1976 at an open meeting in the Franklin School Auditorium, 325 Franklin Avenue, Wednesday, February 12, 1975, at 8:00 p. m. Citizens are invited to attend this meeting, ask questions and offer suggestions pertaining to the budget. The proposed tentative budget will be open to inspection at the offices of the Board of Education for seven days prior to the public hearing."

Mr. Ramsland stated that this notice was followed by the publication of the budget as it appeared in the budget booklet that is available to the citizens this evening.

The meeting was recessed by the Chairman, Mr. Clayton. At this time the Audio Visual Budget Presentation was shown, the 1975-1976 proposed budget was presented, and questions relative to both were raised by citizens and answered by the Board. The meeting was reconvened by Mr. Clayton.

CALL OF ROLL:

Members present at roll call were: Mr. John E. Clayton, Jr., Mr. Theodore J. Berger, Mr. Albert E. Cameron, Jr., Mrs. Thomas E. Jaworek, Mr. Walter Lindstrom, Mr. James M. Piro, Mrs. Edward M. Popadick, Mr. Gerard T. Restaino, and Mr. Frank V. Tangorra.

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ADOPTING BUDGET FOR 1975-1976 SCHOOL YEAR:

Mr. Piro presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom, and unanimously approved by the Board:

WHEREAS, the proposed tentative budget for the 1975-1976 school year has been properly published in the local newspaper and adequately presented to the public at this budget hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley hereby adopts the budget for the 1975-1976 school year in the following amounts:

Current Expense	\$7,640,130.
Debt Service	<u>348,120.</u>
Total Budget	\$7,988,250.

CALLING REFERENDUM:

Mr. Piro presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Tangorra, and unanimously approved by the Board:

WHEREAS, for the school year ending June 30, 1976, the expenditures for administration, instruction, attendance and health services, transportation, operation of plant, maintenance of plant, equipment, fixed charges, food services, student body activities, and community services, requires that there be raised by local taxation the sum of \$6,411,034,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That at the Annual Meeting of the legal voters of the school district to be held on Tuesday, March 11, 1975, for the election of three members to the Board of Education for a term of three years, there be submitted the question of voting taxes to support the 1975-1976 budget as follows:

Current Expense	\$6,411,034
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Board be and is hereby directed to post notices on each schoolhouse in the District and at the following named public places, to wit; Town Hall, The Nutley Sun Office, Kessler's Pharmacy, Inc., Gary's Pharmacy, Little's Pharmacy, Schein Party Shop, and Griffith Shade Shop, calling said meeting in the Franklin, Washington, Lincoln, Yantacaw, Spring Garden and Radcliffe Schoolhouses; and that the boundaries of the sections of the school districts, the voters of which shall be entitled to vote at the respective polling places, be as herein designated:

Polling District No. 1 - Polling Place at the Lincoln School at Harrison Street in the School District, for legal voters residing within General Election District Nos. 1, 2, and 7 of the First Ward of the Town of Nutley.

Polling District No. 2 - Polling Place at the Radcliffe School at Bloomfield Avenue in the School District for legal voters residing within General Election District No. 6 of the First Ward of the Town of Nutley.

Polling District No. 3 - Polling Place at the Franklin School at Franklin Avenue in the School District, for legal voters residing within General Election District Nos. 3, 4, and 5 of the First Ward of the Town of Nutley.

Polling District Nos. 4 & 5 - Polling Place at the Yantacaw School at Yantacaw Place in the School District, for legal voters residing within General Election District Nos. 1, 5, and 6 of the Second Ward and District Nos. 3, 4, and 5 of the Third Ward of the Town of Nutley.

Polling District No. 6 - Polling Place at the Washington School at Washington Avenue in the School District, for legal voters residing within General Election District Nos. 1, 2, 6, and 7 of the Third Ward of the Town of Nutley.

Polling District No. 7 - Polling Place at the Spring Garden School at South Spring Garden Avenue in the School District, for legal voters residing within General Election District Nos. 2, 3, and 4 of the Second Ward of the Town of Nutley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the polls be open on Tuesday, March 11, 1975, between the hours of 2:30 and 9:00 p. m.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mrs. Rubino raised a question regarding the starting time of the "Pre-School for Parents" program. It had been started on the afternoon of January 22, but was not officially approved by the Board until that same evening at the public Board meeting. Mr. Fowler replied that the program had been unofficially approved at a previous conference meeting. Mrs. Rubino made it clear that she does not feel that this is a proper procedure. After some discussion, Mrs. Jaworek conceded the point and suggested that every effort should be made in the future to prepare Board material far enough in advance to allow for public Board approval prior to the inception of a program.

Mrs. Steele read from the January minutes the following portion: "Woodpeckers - construct own learning materials through woodcraft design". She questioned the Board as to the exact meaning of the program. Mr. Fowler replied that it was working with wood. Mrs. Jaworek stated that the Board had approved these programs before they were actually written up in the resolution. "The Board approved the ideas of such programs, the professional staff sifted through the proposals and made their recommendations. I did have a conversation with Miss Tangorra last evening at the Radcliffe School executive meeting, and she explained to me that this program is the youngsters working with wood."

Mr. Piro commented that some pointed questions concerning the many mini-grants were being asked but at the same time the questioners were saying they weren't being critical. It seemed to him in sitting up here, however, that they were critical questions. The purpose is to get some of our staff members to put in additional time devising new and interesting ways to enrich their programs. When the Board authorized these programs it turned the awarding over to the professional staff, and that's what happened in this instance. Each Board member had the opportunity to review the syllabus of the mini-grants.

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Mr. Maguire commented that he felt that one of the problems is that the presentation of programs is so vague that no average citizen can understand. He requested that the Board be specific and not use educational jargon. Mr. Piro commented that full descriptions of the courses are available if the people are interested in them. Most people are not interested.

Mr. Richlan asked if the Board was doing anything with regard to the safety program. Mr. Fowler commented that a safety committee met this past Monday, developed an agenda, and appointed a teacher for a safety program in each building and hopefully will develop a safety education program for the total community.

Mrs. Shuster questioned the article which appeared in the paper concerning the Wallace case. Mr. Fowler informed her that this case had been dismissed.

OLD BUSINESS:

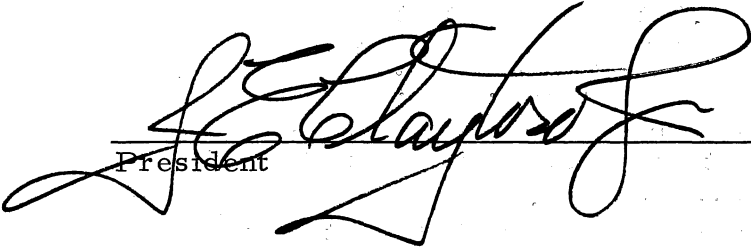
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NEW BUSINESS:

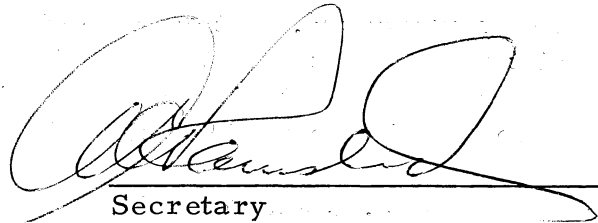
None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Mr. Piro, seconded by Mrs. Popadick, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p. m.



President



Secretary

March 17, 1975
Date Approved